

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 279 - HB 1957**

March 23, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a part of competitive grant money given to local education agencies (LEAs) to be used for starting new career and technical education programs that meet industry standards in the environmental and sustainability sectors. These grants will be outside the BEP funding formula. Requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish a “green jobs” career and technical program that shall be developed using existing courses from current programs. Requires the Division of Career and Technical Education (CTED) within the Department of Education (DOE) to evaluate the establishment of new courses and curriculum in industries such as wind turbines, solar panels, and hybrid-electric cars.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$14,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- Currently the CTED is studying the efficacy of and working with postsecondary institutions to plan courses and curriculum in the area of green energy and will continue to explore whether or not a generalized green jobs course is appropriate.
- The DOE will convene a curriculum committee to study establishing specific courses for wind turbines, solar panels, and hybrid-electric cars. Four meetings will be held at a cost of \$3,500 per meeting for travel, printing and materials, and other expenditures. The total one-time increase in state expenditures will be \$14,000 (\$3,500 x 4).
- The SBOE will not convene a task force to establish a “green jobs” career and technical education program since the curriculum will use existing coursework.
- The total amount of competitive grant money will not be increased due to an increase in the number of allowable grant uses.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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